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TAGS: SEATO, TH, RP

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT ON FUTURE OF SEATO

REF: BANGKOK 14633

PRIME MINISTER M.R. KHUKRIT PRAMOT GAVE A BRIEF NEWS  
CONFERENCE AT DON MUANG AIRPORT ON JULY 21 PRIOR TO HIS  
DEPARTURE FOR MANILA AND SINGAPORE. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT  
ON SEATO IS FROM AN INFORMAL USIS TRANSLATION OF A  
TRANSCRIPT OF HIS REMARKS.

BEGIN EXCERPT:

KHUKRIT: I MIGHT HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS  
OF THE PHILIPPINES ON MATTERS IN GENERAL CONCERNING  
SEATO. THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES ARE TWO OF THE  
COUNTRIES WHICH JOINTLY SET UP SEATO. THEREFORE, NOW  
THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY AND GREAT CHANGES IN THE  
SITUATION SINCE THEN, I WOULD LIKE TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS  
WITH HIM ON WHAT STATUS SEATO SHOULD HAVE IN THE FUTURE.

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REPORTER: WHAT IS THAILAND'S STAND IN THIS MATTER --  
IN REGARD TO SEATO?

KHUKRIT: WHAT DOES "STAND" MEAN? WE HAVE SEEN THAT  
SOME SEATO OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY CHANGED. FOR  
INSTANCE, THERE IS NO LONGER ANY REASON FOR MILITARY  
COOPERATION, THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY TO DISCUSS IN  
WHAT OTHER WAYS WE CAN COOPERATE WHICH WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.  
SHOULD THE QUESTION ARISE AS TO WHETHER SEATO OUGHT TO BE  
LIQUIDATED, SHOULD IT BE ABOLISHED IMMEDIATELY?  
SHOULD IT NOT BE ABOLISHED YET, IN WAHT OTHER WAYS  
COULD IT PERFORM WORK THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO  
EVERY COUNTRY?

END EXCERPT.  
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